

OPINION OF A. J. STINSON ON MINE RESCUE LAUDED

Experts Now Agree With Him in Regard to Argonaut Mine Disaster

The position taken by A. J. Stinson, Nevada mine inspector, that the fan of the Muldoon shaft at Jackson, Calif., should have been reversed as soon as the fire broke out, from which forty-seven miners lost their lives, and that the Argonaut shaft should have been used to "upcast" the air and gases in the burning mine, is sustained by T. A. Rickard, one of the contributing editors of the Engineering and Mining Journal Press of New York, who is recognized as an authority upon mining throughout the west.

Writing in the last issue of that publication, Mr. Rickard says:

"The Argonaut has two shafts. The main shaft is used for hoisting and pumping; by means of it the miners go to and return from their work. The Muldoon shaft is the secondary exit; it has a hoist that can be operated to a depth of 800 feet only below that the shaft is no more than a system of linked raises, down to the 3900-foot level. From the bottom level, 900 feet deeper, the only secondary exit is by means of the raises that connect the successive levels on the south side of the main shaft. A system of ventilation is maintained by means of a Sirocco fan at the Muldoon shaft this fan has a nominal capacity of 60,000 cubic feet of air per minute it sucks the air out of the mine and thereby drives the main shaft a downcast. In order further to direct the fresh air into the bottom workings, the upper levels where they connect with the shaft on the south side are closed by doors, whereas the 4500, 4650 and 4800 levels are left open, so that the air is forced down the main shaft, past the upper levels, into the deeper three levels, up the raises to the 2900-foot level, along that level, and up the Muldoon shaft. The 47 men were working on the lowest three levels, south of the main shaft.

"It is evident that as soon as the fire started in the main shaft the established system of ventilation would cause the smoke to go where the men were at work and to enter the only other exit, the Muldoon shaft. The question arises immediately, should the fan have been stopped or even reversed? This is already a subject of earnest controversy. To me it seems obvious that the stopping of the fan and the reversing of the ventilation offered the only chance for escape of the men at the bottom of the mine. The heat of the fire would cause the air to ascend in the main shaft and any opposite momentum left from the artificial ventilation, after the fan had been stopped, could be checked promptly by closing the top of the Muldoon shaft for a time. It would not be necessary to reverse the fan — to do that, I find, would have required many hours, because the fan is not constructed so as to be reversed quickly. If then the air currents had been turned, the men might have climbed out of the mine through the Muldoon raises, provided the ladders were in good repair. It would

have been no easy escape, for to climb 5000 feet of ladders would require six or seven hours and could be done only by an athletic man, but at least they could have reached the bottom of the Muldoon at the 3900-foot level and there awaited food and succor. If the fan was not stopped the lower workings of the mine would become a deadly trap the men would be caught even worse than a rat in a trap, for many of the rats in the Argonaut mine did escape through the Muldoon shaft."

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L. S. GLASS, County Clerk.
Sept. 16-Oct. 17, 1922.

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Dated September 16th, 1922.
THERON STEVENS, Trustee.
Sept. 19, — Oct. 12, 1922.

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